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SUBJECT: OAS RIO TREATY CONFERENCE

REF: A. STATE 139082

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C. MCNEIL/LANE TELCON

1. ORIGINAL OFFICE SPACE SUITE CONSISTS OF FOUR ROOMS WITH CONNECTING DOORS. ONE-FOURTH OF EACH ROOM CONSISTS OF EITHER BATH OR FOOD PREPARATION AREA AND REMAINING SPACE IS NOT ADEQUATE FOR ARRANGEMENTS REQUESTED REF A., PAR. THREE. ROOMS ARE SMALLER THAN AVERAGE HOLIDAY INN MOTEL ROOM IN USA.

2. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS MAINTAIN ORIGINAL OFFICE SPACE RESERVATION AND ALLOCATE SPACE AS FOLLOWS: ONE ROOM FOR CONFERENCE AREA, ONE FOR OFFICE CHIEF OF DELEGATION, ONE FOR TWO TYPING POSITIONS, ONE FOR DOUBLE REQUESTED REF. A., PAR ONE. WE WILL MAINTAIN ONE TWO ROOM SUITE ACROSS HALL FOR OCCUPANCY BY CHIEF OF DELEGATION AND CANCEL OTHER TWO ROOM SUITE. THIS IS THE ONLY PART OF THE HOTEL WHERE TWO ROOM SUITES ARE AVAILABLE. COST OF THESE ROOM IS \$21 PER DAY PLUS TAX FLAT RATE WHETHER USED FOR OFFICE SPACE OR SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS SINGLE OR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

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3. FIVE SINGLE ROOMS ARE ALSO RESERVED. RATE OF \$16 PER

DAY PLUS TAX. AVERAGE COST OF BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER IS APPROXIMATELY \$15.00 PER DAY PLUS 18 PERCENT TAX. RECOMMEND PER DIEM FOOD ALLOWANCE \$18-20 PER DAY.

4. COST OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT RENTAL WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. TRANSPORTATION. FOR CONVENIENCE AND SECURITY RECOMMEND DELEGATION UTILIZE MISSION VEHICLES AND DRIVERS AND WE WILL REPLACE IN OUR MOTOR POOL WITH RENTAL CARS. AS NO SEDANS ARE AVAILABLE IN OUR FLEET, PROPOSE STATION WAGON FOR CHIEF OF DELEGATION AND VAN FOR COURIER SERVICE AND OTHER DELEGATION USES. RENTAL CARS ARE \$16 PER DAY, 0.16 PER KM., PER CAR. CHAUFFEUR CHARGES EXTRA.

6. DELEGATION SHOULD ALSO BE ADVISED THAT PAA 541 FREQUENTLY OVERFLIES SAN JOSE TO PANAMA DURING RAINY SEASON. PASSENGERS NORMALLY RETURN FOLLOWING MORNING.

7. MCNEIL/LANE TELCON INDICATED STRONG POSSIBILITY CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY AND ONE OTHER MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY CHILDREN. IF SO ROOM RESERVATION REQUIREMENTS DO NOT APPEAR ADEQUATE. DOES THIS MEAN CHILDREN NOT COMING? REQUEST PRIORITY REPLY IF REQUIREMENTS REF A. ARE INCORRECT.

8. STRONGLY RECOMMEND MSG IN PLAIN CLOTHES BE PRESENT IN OFFICE AREA WHENEVER CLASSIFIED MATERIAL IS PRESENT IN HOTEL. DOES DELEGATION PLAN STORE CLASSIFIED MATERIAL AT EMBASSY OVERNIGHT OR IN HOTEL? NEED TO KNOW SOONEST FOR MSG REQUIREMENTS. BELIEVE DESIRABLE RSO FROM PANAMA BE PRESENT SAN JOSE DURING CONFERENCE.

9. PLEASE ADVISE.
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